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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

HILL, Jr., et al.

Art Unit: 1731

Application Number: 09/711,126

Examiner: Unassigned

Filed: November 13, 2000

For: PAPER MAKING PROCESSES USING ENZYME AND POLYMER COMBINATIONS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 20, 2001

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application on the merits, applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please substitute the following amended parts of the specification as indicated in the above-identified application. (A version of the amended specification with markings to show the changes made is also attached.)

At page 1, ~~after~~ the title, please delete the first paragraph and replace it with the following new paragraph:

A1 --This application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of prior U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/166,330 filed November 19, 1999, which is incorporated in its entirety by reference herein.--

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